

Samuel Meeker to Andrew Jackson, July 27, 1805, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SAMUEL MEEKER TO JACKSON.

Philadelphia, July 27, 1805.

Sir: Your favors of 23d June 2d and 4th. July came duly to hand; my absence from the City prevented an early reply. with regard to the damaged Blankets. they may have received the damage on their way from England, or they may have sustained it on the passage to your country. We did not discover any appearance of damage on the goods when imported or we should have had them examined and sold for account of the underwriters. I understand Mr. John Jackson is gone to your Country and that this letter may probably reach him there; if so and you can satisfy him of the damage having Occured before they came in your possession or if that fact cannot be asscertained, whatever he thinks is right between us, I will be satisfied with. If he should not adjust it with you the first time you come to this place we can settle it, no doubt without any dificulty. it might be well to get some person who has seen them to affix a Valuation to the bale as to the Amount of the damage—it does not require any Affidavits. With regard to refusing you a Credit, the Contrary was my wish. I told Mr Jackson over and over that I wished to execute any part of the Order in my line and repeatedly Asked him for it. 2 ps Linnen was laid off for you Value \$18. I observed it was not worth while to send them, *alone* , and that *they* were goods usually sold only for ready money, which was all that passed on the subject. I did not know that Bickham and Reese or any other person at that time, nor long after, had refused goods, and I am sure it never entered my head to refuse you a credit or any person in my house. I confess I was a good deal mortified at not hav,g some of the order as I had a much better supply of goods than usual, and on a good deal better terms.

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being some time out of that line, perhaps part of my goods might not be so cheap as the residue. I mean those Sold in 1804. The Cotton Baging was a heavy article to me, and I done that buisness more for experiment and to endeavor to encourage the trade, than with a view to profit—it like all other Linnens is nearly a cash article. In two payments lately made by Mr John Jackson of [Knox] City, account of *Jackson Watson and Co* , they amount together to Eight hundred dollars for which gave him a recep. and You thanks. it is however always much Most agreeable to have sent to ourselves, what is intended for us, where it is practicable. No Motive of yours however, has ever been called in question on that score, as we supposed you Considered it one and the same thing. And I have only to add, that I have No desire to make any change of the Account, but shall thank you for as early a remittance as may be in your power—that No one more highly respects you or is more sincerely disposed to serve you than your Obedt. Servt.

P. S. the former letter you state to have written relative to the Blankets never Came to hand.